Dean told GL 3/21 whole story, including of Mitchell's endorsement—in unmistakable terms. Mardian saw GL next day (and, according to Mardian, said nothing of this), asked Mitchell nothing about it—didn't even mention it (Mitchell said they discussed only once—6/72)

GL knew Mitchell also said not the only thing that might have persuaded him not to "cover up" was "high reason"—he volunteered the words—so may be can be believed.

But either way, this means Nixon had to know. Either Mitchell lied—which is what of reason—and Nixon did ask him. Or, Nixon knew + didn't have to.